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This is to confirm your understanding that COMUSMACV has the authority to authorize commitment US ground forces to action in combat support on the basis of operational coordination and cooperation with RVNAF.

~~Recommend that you take early action to effect public announcement by GVN concerning combat mission American troops along lines suggested ref Deptels. Reuters Saigon item 62 this date (discussed septel) emphasizes need for early public announcement.~~

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